

**Senate File 2266 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2266  
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3096)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing that a county enterprise includes natural  
2 gasworks.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.461, subsection 2, Code 2011, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *h.* Natural gasworks to serve customers  
4 within the county, including natural gas transmission  
5 and distribution systems, the acquisition, establishment,  
6 construction, purchase, equipment, improvement, extension,  
7 operation, maintenance, reconstruction, and repair of works  
8 and facilities within or without the limits of the county,  
9 investment in works and facilities to be owned by public  
10 utilities and interstate pipeline companies, and works and  
11 facilities to be jointly used by the county and other political  
12 subdivisions, but excluding the acquisition of property or  
13 facilities of a public utility or interstate pipeline company  
14 by condemnation.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill amends the definition of "county enterprise" under  
17 Code section 331.461 to include natural gasworks to serve  
18 customers within the county, including natural gas transmission  
19 and distribution systems, the acquisition, establishment,  
20 construction, purchase, equipment, improvement, extension,  
21 operation, maintenance, reconstruction, and repair of works  
22 and facilities within or without the limits of the county,  
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26 subdivisions, but excluding the acquisition of property or  
27 facilities of a public utility or interstate pipeline company  
28 by condemnation.

29 Code chapter 331 authorizes a county to undertake a county  
30 enterprise and provides as part of such authorization the  
31 ability to issue revenue bonds, establish rates, collect  
32 charges for services provided by the county enterprise, and  
33 enter into specified contracts and leases.